AMENDMENT NO. 521

Purpose: To prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES:

AMENDMENT INTENDED TO BE PROPOSED BY 
Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BURR, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. MCCAIN)

Viz:

At the end of the resolution, insert the following:

SEC. ____ PREVENTING DUPLICATIVE AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS RESOLUTION.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Preventing Duplicative and Overlapping Government Programs Resolution”.

(b) REPORTED LEGISLATION.—Paragraph 11 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (e), by striking “and (b)” and inserting “(b), and (c)”;

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (e) and sub-

paragraph (d); and
(3) by inserting after subparagraph (b) the follow-
ing:

“(c) The report accompanying each bill or joint res-
olution of a public character reported by any committee (in-
cluding the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-
mittee on the Budget) shall contain—

“(1) an analysis by the Congressional Research
Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution
creates any new Federal program, office, or initia-
tive that would duplicate or overlap any existing
Federal program, office, or initiative with similar
mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a
listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Fed-
eral program or programs, office or offices, or initia-
tive or initiatives; and

“(2) an explanation provided by the committee
as to why the creation of each new program, office,
or initiative is necessary if a similar program or pro-
grams, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives al-
ready exist.”.

(e) SENATE.—Rule XVII of the Standing Rules of
the Senate is amended by inserting at the end thereof the
following:

“6. (a) It shall not be in order in the Senate to pro-
ceed to any bill or joint resolution unless the committee
of jurisdiction has prepared and posted on the committee
website an overlapping and duplicative programs analysis
and explanation for the bill or joint resolution as described
in subparagraph (b) prior to proceeding.

“(b) The analysis and explanation required by this
subparagraph shall contain—

“(1) an analysis by the Congressional Research
Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution
creates any new Federal program, office, or initia-
tive that would duplicate or overlap any existing
Federal program, office, or initiative with similar
mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a
listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Fed-
eral program or programs, office or offices, or initia-
tive or initiatives; and

“(2) an explanation provided by the committee
as to why the creation of each new program, office,
or initiative is necessary if a similar program or pro-
gress, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives al-
ready exist.

“(c) This paragraph may be waived by joint agree-
ment of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of
the Senate upon their certification that such waiver is nec-
essary as a result of a significant disruption to Senate fa-
cilities or to the availability of the Internet or a bill or
joint resolution is designated as
emergency."